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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

YEAR 1956

To: The Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council of Daventry.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, for 1956 incorporating that of the Public Health Inspector.

Throughout this period Dr. H.A.H. Summers was your Medical Officer of Health and I present this report on his behalf.

The Vital Statistics of the District for the year 1956 show that 185 deaths took place compared with 192 in the previous year. This gives a Standardised Death Rate of 10.43 which is below the national figure of 11.7. This year female deaths exceeded those of males by 12. The causes of death remained virtually the same as those of last year. Heart Disease continued to head the list with 73 deaths, followed by 34 deaths from cancer, showing a decrease of 6 on last year. Deaths from tuberculosis remain at a low level.

Births increased by 43, showing a total of 265 compared with 222 for last year. Illegitimate births increased from 11 to 17. Five infant deaths, four of these in the neo-natal period are recorded making a Rate of 18.8 which is lower than the national figure of 23.8.

Infectious Diseases notifications were much decreased this year the figure falling from 410 to 70, due, largely to the decreased incidence of measles.

The Slum Clearance Programme was started and already progress was made throughout the year under the various sections of the Housing Act. The number of houses dealt with are shown on Pages 17.

The number of new Council Houses completed and occupied was 34, and in addition 39 casual vacancies were filled during the same period. 18 houses were built by private enterprise, which was a similar figure to last year.

There has been no progress in the provision of any further sewerage schemes. It is to be hoped that Ministry approval will be obtained for this work to be done in the near future.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to all members of the Staff, in particular, those of the Public Health Department, for their assistance in the compilation of this report, also to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Housing Committees for help and encouragement. Thanks are also due to the County Medical Officer of Health for information on Immunisation and Vaccination.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

JOAN M. ST. V. DAWKINS,
Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
Church Walk,
Daventry.

DAVENTRY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members of the Housing and Public Health Committees:

Chairman of Public Health Committee: Mr. Councillor G. A. Bevan;

Chairman of Housing Committee: Mr. Councillor J. W. Anscomb, J.P., C.C.

Messrs. Councillors: J.O. Adams, J.P. (Chairman of the Council);
E. Allen, S. Allen, Mrs. G.L. Atterbury,
A. Berridge, I.L. Beamond, F.W. Boddington,
C.E. Browne, the late C.O. Checkley (died August
1956) R.G. Collins, Mrs. P.E. Cox,
The Revd. E.J.A. Dunn, A.E. Fisher (resigned),
G.E. Green, C.E. Gibbes, F. Harris, R.B. Harris,
W.S. Harrison, D.H. Jelley (Vice Chairman of the
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W.O. Rydings, E.H. Thompson, Mrs. C.M.S. Thornton,
C.C., R.L. Wakeford, W.J. Webb and A.L. Wilkins.

Public Health Officers of the Council:

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. H.A.H. Summers, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.B.

ALSO holds appointment of

Medical Officer of Health, Daventry Borough;
Medical Officer of Health, Brixworth Rural District;
Assistant County Medical Officer of Health and
County School Medical Officer.

Public Health Inspector: J.M. Harkness, R.S.I.J.B., M.P.H.I.A.

Public Health Inspector's Assistant: B. C. Lines.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1956

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	79,423
Population (based on Registrar-General's figures)	...	...	...	16,490
Number of separate dwellings occupied	...	...	...	5,490
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£130,539
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£506

LIVE BIRTHS: (rate per 1000 total population)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>RATE</u>	Rate for England & Wales
Legitimate	135	113	248		
Illegitimate	5	12	17		
	<u>140</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>265</u>	16.09	15.7

STILL BIRTHS: (rate per 1000 live & still births)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>RATE</u>	Rate for England & Wales
Legitimate	1	1	2		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	7.54	23

DEATHS: (rate per 1000 total population)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>RATE</u>	Rate for England & Wales
All Causes	86	99	185	11.21	11.7

Deaths from Puerperal Causes: Nil

INFANT MORTALITY: (rate per 1000 live births)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>RATE</u>	Rate for England & Wales
Legitimate	2	3	5		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	18.8	23.8

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY: Deaths under 4 weeks (rate per 1000 live births)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>RATE</u>
	1	3	4	15.00
	-	-	-	

Deaths from Infectious Diseases: Nil



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Statistics showing Population and Numbers of Occupied
houses in each Parish of the District:

PARISH	POPULATION		NUMBER OF OCCUPIED HOUSES		
	1931 Census	1951 Census	Private Houses	Council Houses	TOTAL
Ashby St. Ledgers	210	169	51	-	51
Badby	440	478	128	38	166
Barby	471	536	102	40	142
Braunston	1,015	1,161	209	154	363
Brockhall	38	34	9	-	9
Byfield	868	796	183	113	296
Canons Ashby	49	42	14	-	14
Catesby	91	86	28	-	28
Charwelton	165	166	47	8	55
Clay Coton	71	51	16	4	20
Crick	681	728	194	48	242
Dodford	238	216	50	7	57
Elkington	69	62	17	-	17
Everdon	406	420	123	20	143
Farthingstone	177	174	57	4	61
Fawsley	29	21	10	-	10
Flore	786	896	233	104	337
Hellidon	148	160	54	4	58
Kilsby	501	558	137	59	196
Lilbourne	209	241	50	28	78
Long Buckby	2,325	2,316	687	165	852
Newnham	356	383	105	32	137
Norton	315	265	101	-	101
Preston Capes	156	167	54	6	60
Stanford	53	43	13	-	13
Staverton	319	361	83	30	113
Stowe-ix-Churches	219	180	66	4	70
Watford	324	281	86	8	94
Weedon Bec	1,750	1,734	310	157	467
Welton	358	381	87	37	124
West Haddon	714	704	203	56	259
Whilton	216	168	52	10	62
Winwick	153	89	34	-	34
Woodford Halse	1,740	1,764	418	200	618
Yelvertoft	349	462	111	32	143
TOTALS ...	16,009	16,293	4,122	1,368	5,490

AREA: The area of the District is 79,423 acres of 124.2, square miles, which gives an average of 1 person to 4.79 acres, or 132 persons to the square mile.

POPULATION: The Registrar-General's Mid-year estimated population for the District was 16,490, showing a decrease of 60, compared with the figure for 1955. The natural increase in the population, i.e. excess of births over deaths, was 80.

DEATHS: The total number of deaths recorded was 185, showing a decrease of 7 on the number for 1955. The standardised rate for 1956 was 10.43 (calculated from the Registrar-General's comparability factor), compared with 11.7 for England and Wales.

OCCUPIED DWELLINGS: There was a small increase in the numbers of occupied dwellings, after deducting those dealt with under the Housing Acts and becoming vacant.

The causes of death in the district during the year are given in the following table:

Causes	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	2	-	2
Syphilitic Disease	-	2	2
Cancer (allforms)	13	21	34
Diabetes	-	2	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	11	9	20
Coronary Disease of the Heart	12	7	19
Hypertension, with Heart Disease	2	7	9
Heart Disease (other)	21	24	45
Other Circulatory Disease	1	9	10
Pneumonia	6	-	6
Bronchitis	2	4	6
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	2	-	2
Gastritis & Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	1	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis	2	4	6
Hyplerplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Other Defined or Ill-Defined Diseases	5	6	11
Motor and Other Accidents	2	-	2
All other accidents	3	3	6
Suicide	1	-	1
	<u>86</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>185</u>

The commonest cause of death remained heart disease in its various forms, but there was a slight decrease in deaths from cancer, while vascular lesions of the nervous system, e.g. cerebral haemorrhage, provided the third largest cause of death.

BIRTHS: The number of births was 265, a large increase of 33 compared with the figure for 1955, and giving a standardised rate of 17.54 (calculated on the Registrar-General's comparability factor) compared with 15.7 for England and Wales, per 1000 of the total population.

STILL-BIRTHS: The figure for 1956 showed a very decided decrease compared with the figure for 1955, it being 2 as compared with 11 the previous year, and gave a rate of 7.54 per 1,000 live and still-births.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS: The number showed an increase compared with the previous year, 17 such births being recorded.

MATERNAL MORTALITY: Once again, a pleasing feature, there were no deaths recorded as being associated with child-birth.

INFANT MORTALITY: The number of children under the age of 1 year who died was 5, being similar to that for the previous year. 4 of these deaths were infants under 4 weeks old. The deaths were due to (i) Bronchiolitis, (ii) Prematurity and (iii) Toxaemia.

LABORATORY SERVICE: The Public Health Laboratory Service operating at the General Hospital, Northampton, was available for the diagnosis and analysis of specimens relative to infectious disease, and was free of cost to the Local Authority.

AMBULANCE SERVICES: For infectious cases requiring removal to the Isolation Hospital, the ambulance from the Harborough Road Isolation Hospital, was used, and for non-infectious cases and residents the ambulance maintained by the St. John Ambulance Brigade stationed at Daventry was used. The ambulance was maintained by the Brigade, who act as agents of the County Council in providing an ambulance service.

NURSING IN THE HOME: The Home Nursing Service was adequately provided by the County Council, whose nurses reside in various parishes of the District.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS: Infant Welfare Clinics were held at Long Buckby, Weedon, West Haddon and Woodford Halse. Ante-Natal Clinics were held in Daventry and mothers from the surrounding district were welcomed. The County Health Department provided travelling facilities, in parts of the District, for mothers and children to attend at a nearby centre.

HOSPITALS: Infectious cases, who require hospital care, are treated at Harborough Road Isolation Hospital. Tuberculosis patients at Creton or Rushden Sanatoria. General Medical or Surgical patients were treated at either the General Hospital, Northampton, The Danetre Hospital, Daventry or The Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948: It was necessary to take action in 1 case under section 47, during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES: The main event of the year was the opening of the new Pitsford Reservoir by Her Majesty the Queen Mother. This additional provision should ensure adequate supplies throughout the whole of this Rural District. Of the four Parishes still without mains water, Stowe-IX-Churches and Canons Ashby are scheduled for completion in the next year leaving only Fawsley and Elkington to be completed later. Though a number of farms and cottages still get their supplies from wells, supplies, on the whole, were adequate, an improvement on previous years when some areas experienced shortages.

Enquiries made as to condition of supplies	...	362
Number of water samples analysed	...	35
Samples proved satisfactory after analysis	...	28
Samples proved unsatisfactory after analysis	...	7
Pumps repaired	...	2
Informal notices sent regarding water supplies	...	6

HOUSES WITH PIPED OR NON-PIPED SUPPLIES

PARISH	PIPED SUPPLIES		NON-PIPED SUPPLIES		
	No. of houses with		No. of houses with		
	Laid on Supply	Stand Tap Supply	Parish Well	Private Well	Spring Supply
Ashby St. Ledgers	29	17	-	5	-
Badby	84	67	-	14	1
Barby	115	3	-	24	-
Braunston	308	25	-	30	-
Brockhall	5	-	-	4	-
Byfield	239	2	6	49	-
Canons Ashby	1	-	-	13	-
Catesby	22	-	-	6	-
Charwelton	45	-	-	10	-
Clay Coton	16	-	-	2	2
Crick	216	8	-	18	-
Dodford	19	2	11	25	-
Elkington	-	-	-	16	1
Everdon	136	-	-	7	-
Farthingstone	15	35	-	11	-
Fawsley	3	-	-	7	-
Flore	284	16	-	37	-
Hellidon	51	-	-	7	-
Kilsby	173	-	-	23	-
Lilbourne	70	-	-	8	-
Long Buckby	791	25	-	36	-
Newnham	121	-	-	16	-
Norton	32	51	-	18	-
Preston Capes	48	-	-	12	-
Stanford	10	-	-	3	-
Staverton	102	-	-	10	1
Stowe-ix-Churches	12	4	-	54	-
Watford	42	18	-	30	4
Weedon Bec	429	13	-	25	-
Welton	102	15	-	7	-
West Haddon	203	35	-	21	-
Whilton	15	21	-	26	-
Winwick	31	2	-	1	-
Woodford Halse	574	2	-	42	-
Yelvertoft	90	33	-	20	-
	4433	394	17	637	9

SEWAGE DISPOSAL, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE: Again a year of no progress. Owing to the failure of securing Ministry approval, no further schemes were initiated. The length of new sewer and new disposal works were completed at Byfield, as also was the reconstruction works at Long Buckby. There still remains a very big problem in a number of the larger villages of the District where crude sewage is being discharged into open dykes and with little hope of improvement in the near future.

The general drainage position in all the sewered parishes is satisfactory, but in the other parishes, excepting for the few houses with septic tanks, it is not so satisfactory. There have been improvements carried out in relation to drainage to houses, such work having been carried out voluntarily by the owners concerned.

Parishes of the District with sewage disposal works were as follows:-

Ashby St. Ledgers	Long Buckby
Badby	Newnham
Barby	Staverton
Braunston	Watford
Byfield	Weedon Bec
Crick	West Haddon
Flore	Winwick
Kilsby	Woodford Halse
Yelvertoft (part sewered)	

There were also temporary schemes in operation at Charwelton and Lilbourne, and a part scheme of a temporary nature at Welton.

DISINFECTION: Disinfection was carried out at all homes from which infectious cases were notified and removed to Isolation Hospital, or if the case had been nursed at home, then disinfection was carried out after doctor's clearance had been obtained.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS: No cases were brought to notice.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS, PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. SECTION 269:

10 licences to site and use a caravan as a dwelling were approved, and 2 licences were renewed, while 1 application for a licence was refused.

SCHOOLS: The school premises in the District were generally satisfactory.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949:

Work under the above Act was continued during the year, though there was a period from February until early September, when there was no operative. The operative who started this scheme died during April and it meant teaching another of the staff in the methods as well as teaching him to drive the van. Work was resumed in September and by the end of the year the Council tips, Council and private property, and farms were regularly inspected, and a large portion of the sewers treated. Special emphasis being laid on refuse tips, nearby hedges, sewage works, surrounding lands and sewage dykes. The inspections revealed that more effort on the part of the individual, would improve still further the reasonable state of rat infestation in the area.

The following is a summary of work done under the Act during the year:-

Inspection at private dwellings	...	153		
Inspections at council houses	...	382		
Inspection at farms	...	85		
Treatments to private dwellings	...	38		
Treatments to council houses	...	12		
Treatments to business or farm premises	...	2		
(costs recovered)				
Total of treatments to sewers, private dwellings, council houses, for visits and check	...	2426		
Total mileage covered by the van	...	1776 miles		
Poisons used:	49 lbs 2 ozs. Warfarin	...	£18	12 1
	2 lbs 5 ozs Zinc Phosphide			14 6
	4 ozs. Antu			4 -
Baits Used:	451 lbs. Pinhead Oatmeal	...	£11	19 7
	303 lbs. Sausage Rusk	...	£10	2 0

Several visits were made to ricks during threshing operations.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1937 & 1948: There remained 69 premises on the register, after deletions and additions had been made, these were chiefly workshops. There are a few larger workplaces or small factories in the District. 2 cases of want of cleanliness and drainage were found, 1 was remedied and 1 was remedied so far as wash-basin was concerned, but in this instance, every effort is being made for new premises. Notification of an Outworker was received in November, there premises concerned were satisfactory.

SCAVENGING: The Collection of Household Refuse and Salvage was maintained weekly throughout the district. It was evident that greater quantities of refuse were being collected than at the start of the scheme, which results in nearby tips becoming filled up and necessitates extra travelling to farther tips. The Kilsby tip became filled up during the latter end of the year and soiling over had started, while the soiling over of the Hellidon tip was completed. There were tip fires at Byfield and Woodford Halse, and each meant much time and labour in an effort to combat them. These fires were caused by the deposit of hot ash in dust-bins, and lighting fires on the tips, appeared to be a pastime for 'weekend trespassers'; there was evidence of these fires, but never of the culprits.

It has not yet become necessary to make any alteration in the regular weekly collections, but each day is a very full one for the collectors, and it is apparent some alteration will have to be made in the very near future, and it is also very obvious that the Council will have to purchase larger capacity vehicles when the time comes for replacement of the existing vehicles. The larger capacity would save running and labour costs, since extra journeys to tips would be saved.

The collection of salvage continued, but there was a period during the middle of the year, when the market was practically non-existent, the position did improve slightly towards the end of the year, and £312.1.5d. was received for the sale of salvage.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 & 1936:

Number of Licences renewed	...	...	...	66
"	"	for Carbide of Calcium renewed	...	2
"	"	for Cellulose Solutions renewed	...	1
Number of Licences surrendered during the year	...			2

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Part 10) CANAL BOATS: 3 boats were re-registered with this Council during the year. Canal Boat registrations with the Council at the end of the year numbered 398.

HOUSING

The numbers of new houses allocated and tenanted during the year were 34 as compared with 48 for 1955. As in the previous year, a number of existing Council Houses became vacant and 39 waiting list families were re-housed as a result, which gave a total of 73 families re-housed. Despite this, the waiting list showed very little change, there being 597 on the list, as compared with 603 at the end of 1955. Waiting lists have been checked before housing allocations made in all the parishes concerned.

Figures given later in the Report show the process made in Slum Clearance this year. There was no objection to many of the Clearance Areas submitted to the Minister for confirmation, and only one Inquiry was held on August 15th. This was in respect of one Area comprising 6 houses at Byfield and one area comprising 3 houses at Long Buckby. In the latter case, the owner wanted to retain the premises for agricultural purposes. The result of that Inquiry was not known at the end of the year. Apart from Clearance Areas there has also been much work in dealing with Closing Orders, Individual Demolition Orders and Undertakings, and numbers of houses demolished by owners increased.

34 new Council Houses were completed and occupied as follows:-

12 at Crick 8 at Long Buckby
6 houses and 8 bungalows at Weedon

while a further 18 privately built houses were completed and occupied.

The following houses were in course of erection:-

4 houses, 2 bungalows at Badby
6 houses at Byfield
6 houses, 4 bungalows at Braunston
8 houses at Crick
6 houses, 8 bungalows at Long Buckby and
8 houses, 4 bungalows at Weedon

Council houses re-let by parish representatives	...	...	39
Council house tenants given permission to take a lodger	...	...	12
Council house tenants refused permission to take a lodger	...	...	4

Council house tenants given permission to keep poultry ... 8

Internal exchange of council houses permitted	...	...	5
External exchange of council houses permitted	...	...	1
Transfer of council house tenancies	...	...	3

HOUSING ACT, 1949, as amended by HOUSING REPAIRS & RENTS ACT, 1954

The year showed a decrease in the numbers of applications for Improvement Grants to properties, and the following summary gives details:-

Number of applications received	...	...	...	32
Number of applications turned down by Public Health Inspector and Surveyor after their inspection	...	6		
Number of applications not approved by the Council	...	1	...	7
				—
Number of applications approved by the Council	...		...	25
Total amount of Improvement Grants approved (of this total, the Council contribute 25% and the Ministry the remainder)	...		£4,222 5.	3d.
Total estimated costs of the Improvements proposed ..			£8,948 13.	5d.

Since the Act came into operation, 138 applications for Grant have been received; of these; 17 were withdrawn by applicants; 38 were turned down after inspection, due to non-compliance with the requirements of the Act; leaving 83 applications approved, involving a sum of £19,398.6.5d.

HOUSING ACTS, 1936-54

1.	Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-		
(1)	a. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under (Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	1225
	b. Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	1280
(2)	a. Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Acts	...	173
	b. Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	386
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	119
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	54
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice:-		
	Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Public Health Inspector	...	40
3.A.	Action by Local Authority under the Housing and Public Health Acts by serving informal notices:-		
(a)	Under the Housing Acts:		
	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring repairs		37
	Number of houses rendered fit after service of informal notice:-		
	by owners	...	36
	by Local Authority in default of owners	...	nil
(b)	Under the Public Health Acts:		
	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	28
	Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of informal notices:		
	by owners	...	28
	by Local Authority in default of owners	...	nil

B. Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	6
(2)	Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders:			
	by owners	...	...	4
	by Local Authority in default of owners		...	2
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished voluntarily in consequence of informal action	...	...	3
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which voluntary Undertakings were given by owners		...	3
(5)	Number of dwelling-houses, in respect of which Undertakings were cancelled, houses being made fit			8

C. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, as amended by section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953:

(1)	Number of separate tenements in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	14
(2)	Number of separate tenements in respect of which Closing Orders were determined		...	...	7
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses, in respect of which Closing Orders were made, and were subsequently demolished by owners	...	...	...	12

HOUSING ACT, 1936 (Part IV) Overcrowding:

It was not possible to keep an accurate check on the numbers of overcrowded houses, due to continual family movements, but it was known that, by the Council's own re-housing, some 9 cases of overcrowding, involving 44 persons, were abated.

HOUSING ACTS, 1936-54 - SUMMARY OF WORK, PURELY
CONNECTED WITH SLUM CLEARANCE AREAS.

Parish	No. of Clearance Areas made	No. of houses in those areas	
Badby	1	2	Confirmed by Minister.
Byfield	1	6	Awaiting Minister's decision.
Braunston	2	5	Confirmed by Minister.
Long Buckby	7	22	6 Areas confirmed by Minister. 1 Area awaiting Minister's decision
Weedon Bec	6	21	All confirmed by Minister

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY: The supply generally throughout the District was very satisfactory, the greater part of the District being supplied with bottled designated milks. It was known that at April 1st 1957, the District would become a designated area, at which time all milk would have to be designated and either put in bottles or approved cartons. All milk producing premises were under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

3 Dealers Licences to sell Pasteurised Milk were granted.
 4 " " " " renewed.
 4 Supplementary " " " renewed.
 4 Dealers Licences to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk were granted.
 4 Supplementary " " " were renewed.

BAKEHOUSES: Only 4 bakehouses remained in the District by the end of the year, a very large portion of bread sold was purchased from wholesalers, and in the main wrapped. 1 bakehouse has caused much concern, and it was hoped that new premises would be built in the new year.

SHOPS: Though many of the shops are old structurally - few only being modern, the majority were found to be clean. The Food Hygiene Regulations came into force during the year, and the great majority of shop premises in the District had been inspected by the end of the year. A summary is given below of the type of shops inspected, including public houses, canteens, etc.

Fish Shops	...	...	4
General Stores	..	...	56
Canteens	...	...	4
Bakehouses	...	...	3
Confectionery Shops	...	...	3
Cafe	...	...	1
Butchers Shops	...	...	16
Chomist	...	...	1
Drapery only	...	...	7
Post Offices only	...	...	10
Stationery only	...	...	1
Hardware etc. only	...	...	2
Cycle Shops only	...	...	3
Boot & Shoe Shops only	...	...	2
Paint Shop only	...	...	1
Public Houses	...	...	47
			..... Total 161

Due to failure to comply with certain conditions of the Regulations, 36 informal notices were sent. By the end of the year the majority had responded satisfactorily. The remaining shops will be inspected next year. There was a further decrease in the amount of food condemned and voluntarily surrendered.

MEAT: 10 slaughterhouses were in constant use throughout the year, this has meant a great deal of time being spent in the examination of meat in these slaughterhouses, before sale to the public. So far as has been possible, all carcase meat slaughtered in the District has been examined, this meant regular day by day visits to the Crick slaughterhouses, and at least once each week to all the others in use, quite a number were used twice weekly. There has been a large killing at Crick, where the majority of the meat is sent into Rugby for dispatch to the Co-op Society's branch stores. No unsound meat was found exposed for sale. The table given below is asked for by the Ministry. 29 Licences to act as Slaughtermen were renewed.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	1172	45	7	-	1075	-
Number Inspected	1172	45	7	1828	1075	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	160	7	-	95	30	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	13.6	15.5	-	5.2	2.9	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	3	1	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	52	13	-	-	12	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.7	31.8	-	-	1.2	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcases of which some part was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

There was a very big decrease in the number of notifications of infectious disease received during the year, there being 70 as compared with 410 for the previous year. It was a year when measles and whooping cough were very much in the decline, but there was a large increase in the number of notifications of scarlet fever, though all the cases were of a very mild character. There were 6 cases of Dysentery, on investigation, there did appear possibilities of contacts with other persons in other areas. There was 1 notification of Food Poisoning.

The tables given later in this report, relative to Vaccination, etc., show a further decline in the numbers being immunised against Diptheria, although the combined Diptheria/Whooping Cough immunisations showed a slight increase. Poliomyelitis immunisation was also undertaken.

Period Distribution of Notified Cases of Infectious Disease

Disease	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Measles	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	11	10	-	-	26
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
Scarlet Fever	4	1	-	1	2	-	-	1	3	-	4	10	26
Pneumonia	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Erysipelas	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Totals	4	1	8	8	3	1	1	3	15	11	5	10	70

Parish Distribution of Infectious Disease

	Scarlet Fever	Pneumonia	Food Poisoning	Whooping Cough	Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Erysipelas	Measles	Total
Badby	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Barby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Braunston	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Brockhall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Charwelton	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	6	8
Crick	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Everdon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hellidon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Kilsby	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Lilbourne	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5
Long Buckby	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Norton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Preston Capes	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	7
Weedon Bec	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	9
West Haddon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Whilton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Woodford Halse	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Yelvertoft	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Totals	26	5	1	3	6	1	2	26	70

TUBERCULOSIS: The number of new cases notified declined from 9 cases in 1955 to 5 cases in 1956. Of these, 3 were respiratory (1 male and 2 females) and 2 were non-respiratory (1 male and 1 female); in addition there were 2 notifications of inward transfers to the district both were respiratory (1 male and 1 female). There were 4 deaths of persons entered on the Tuberculosis register, all male, giving a death rate of 0.24 per 1,000 of the population. The following tables give the figures for tuberculosis in the District:-

Age & Sex Distribution of New Cases and Deaths for 1956

Age Group	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Other		Respiratory		Other	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
5 - 14	-	-	1	1				
15 - 24	-	1	-	-				
25 - 35	-	-	-	-				
45 - 55	1	1	-	-	2			
56 - 65	-	-	-	-	1			
over 65	-	-	-	-	1			

Cases on Register and other relevant details regarding Tuberculosis cases for 1956

	MALE		FEMALE		Total
	Respiratory	Other	Respiratory	Other	
Notified 1956	1	1	2	1	5
Inward Transfer	1	-	1	-	2
Left District	2	1	-	-	3
Deaths	4	-	-	-	4
Cured	1	-	-	1	2
Diagnosis not confirmed	1	-	1	-	2
REMAINING ON THE REGISTER	22	6	28	13	69

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION, 1956

Details of work carried out during 1956, in connection with the prevention of diphtheria, whooping-cough, small-pox and poliomyelitis.

	<u>VACCINATION</u>					
	Under 1	1	2- 4	5-14	15 or over	Total
Primary	95	8	11	1	7	122
Re-Vaccination	-	-	2	3	23	28

<u>DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION ONLY</u>								
Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	TOTAL	Booster
2	2	3	2	3	3	-	15	99

<u>COMBINED DIPHTHERIA/WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION</u>								
Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	Total	Booster
113	42	27	8	3	4	-	197	42

<u>WHOOPING-COUGH IMMUNISATION ONLY</u>								
Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	TOTAL	Booster
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

<u>POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION</u>							
Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	TOTAL
-	-	13	18	11	43	-	85

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMPLETED A FULL COURSE OF DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Age at 31.12.56	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	Total under 15
i.e. born in year	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1947-51	1942-1946	
Number Immunised	38	139	168	187	155	918	928	2533

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	ESTIMATED POPULATION	BIRTHS		DEATHS			
		NO.	CRUDE RATE	UNDER 1 YEAR		ALL AGES	
				No	Rate	No	Rate
1948	15,850	281	17.6	6	21.0	167	10.60
1949	15,900	250	15.7	14	56.0	217	16.10
1950	15,840	255	16.0	5	19.6	190	11.90
1951	16,290	274	16.9	4	14.6	201	12.30
1952	16,440	236	14.3	7	29.6	182	11.07
1953	16,480	252	15.29	7	27.7	162	9.83
1954	16,590	257	15.27	2	7.7	202	12.18
1955	16,550	222	13.3	5	22.5	192	11.6
1956	16,490	265	16.09	5	22.5	185	11.21

